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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors
Sonoma County Water Agency
Santa Rosa, California

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the **Sonoma County Water Agency**, (the "Water Agency"), a component unit of the County of Sonoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001, as listed in the foregoing table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Water Agency's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the **Sonoma County Water Agency** as of June 30, 2001, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary fund types for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 4, 2001, on our consideration of the Water Agency's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining financial statements listed as supplementary information in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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Santa Rosa, California
September 4, 2001